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LILLA CLARE.

Wearily, drearily, mournfully fair,
By a deep river loves little Lilla Clare.
At midnight—oh why is she wandering there?
Gently the long jelly tresses uncurl
And veil her bosom, with many a curl,
Like dark waters, drifting o'er islands of pearl,
And the fair bower, 'neath their glorious shroud,
Gleams white at you moon, in his watch-tower
proud,
Looking to earth, o'er a rampart of cloud,
From her storm-castle, (whose battlement marrs
The wondrous dusk from Night's turret of stars,)—
Sad, as a victim through dali prison bars,

Shivering, quivering, plainly there,
O'er that sweet river, come wailing the air,
Dying in gusts, like wild shrills of despair.

And 'neath the frost-dusted grove, where she stood,
Tall, trembling Grove dropped their leaves in a flood,
Crimson leaves, dropping like showers of blood;

As if the lightning had clift with its dart,
One of bright Autumn's full, warm veins spent,
Leaving the rich drops to gush from her heart.

Soon over the moon and the stars seem to creep
Huge and dark, like the billows that sweep
When stately arms go down in the deep.

But the night's darkness, and wind's dismal wail,
Of her who stands shivering there in the gale
Tell not, whose eyes look so mournful a tale.

Beautiful frail! while the storm-oceans boom,
Graceful she stands by that river's deep gloom,
Like a parian vase, by a rain-darkened tomb.

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Lamps in yon castle a gay thing tremble,
Floods of soft light through high windows steel,
And the night wind, bark! his music loud peal!

Seal! 'tis a bridal, for there, side by side,
Haughty Lord Alfred and fair Effie Clere
Stand to be wedded, in beauty and pride.

Especially less bright than the coronal there,
Seemeth the lustre of Effie's soft hair.

And 'neath rare pearls is her bosom most fair.

Their hands were united—the holy man said

'Can any find cause why they should not be wed?'—

And through the halls a deep silence was shed.

Breathtaking, oppressive! and then loud and clear,
Shrieked a voice loudly! 'O let me come near,
Lilla, my wife, I am here, I am here.'

Fearfully, fearfully, blushing with pride,
From the gray chapel, I came forth his bride;

Lord Alfred, now dare you wed Effie Clere?

'Secret our bridal—ah, woe and sad!
My warm heart has grown, once hopeful and glad.'

"Away," (cried Lord Alfred,) "away, she's mad."

For Lilla Clare, broken-hearted and screaming.

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For Ellis wept, till her perjured lord swore

He never had seen crazy Lilla before.

Then, was the priest interrupted no more.

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The tempest past by, and morning did fold

The earth in her vesture of purple and gold,

But in the village the chapel bell tolled.

Doth hear it, Lord Alfred, the haughty and strong,
Where clasps thy gay wedding pageant along?

Doth mark yonder wond'ring and griefstricken

strong?

Hard by the river whose eddies seem bright

As dimples adoring a smile of delight,

No voice from its bosom doth tell of last night.

Yet on the rocks where the estuaries bound

In the gray dawn some rade fishermen found

Poor Lilla Clare, broken-hearted and screaming.

EARTH'S ANGELS.

Why come not spirits from the realms of glory,
To visit earth in the days of old?

The times of sacred wit and ancient story?

Is heaven more distant? or has earth grown cold?

Often have I gazed when sunset clouds, receding,

Waved like rich banners of a god gone by,

To catch the gleam of some white pinion speed

Along the contours of the glowing sky.

'You.'

'It is too true. I am indeed in a most

critical situation.'

'But your friends?'

'Friends! There is a mockery in the

word, now-a-days. Yes, my friends are

full of protestation, and all that sort of

humbug, but say they are no better off

than I,—and, to tell the truth, I don't believe they are.'

'But you have property,—the farm in

New Hampshire.'

'My dear wife, the mortgage was fore-

closed many months ago.'

'She wept. I said nothing, but thought

with Richard III.'

'Tears. Let them flow on. They're signs

Of a substantial sorrow.'

All at once she rose and threw herself

on my neck, saying, 'Husband, dear hus-

band! let the worst come to the worst, I

I doubt not, for spirits know their kindred,

They smiled upon the wingless watches there.

There have been angels in the gloomy prison,—

Crowded halls,—by the lone widow's hearth,—

And where they paused, the fallen have sprang,—

The giddy paused,—the mourned's hope had birth

And by his side there moved a form of beauty,

Strewing sweet flowers along his path of life,

And looking up with meek and love-lent looks;

I called her angel, but he called her wife.

That many a spirit walks the world unlosed,

That when its veil of sadness is laid down,

She's soft with pinions unimpeded,

She wears her glory like a starry crown!

And she buried her head in my breast,

And singularly enough I had occasion for

the use of a pocket handkerchief just then.

By and by I spoke, and when I did speak,

Strange to say, it was with a choking utter-

ance.

darling,' I said, 'what you have just told me wipes away all your past miscon-

duct, obliterates the mental record of all

your hasty speeches. Now do I indeed

feel that you are beginning to realize the

great fact, although life may sometimes

wear a rose-colored hue, it has thorns and

biars in its pathway. As we glide softly

o'er the billows of life's ocean at the outset,

we think not that storms and tempests may

arise while yet we are but hardly embarked

upon our voyage.'

No answer.

'Estimable female, allow me to repeat

the question. Are you aware that to

morrow is the anniversary of our wedding

day?'

'I am sir; and what then?'

'Do no thoughts, no peculiar feelings

agitate your bosom at the recurrence of that anniversary?

'Not that I am aware of.'

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An English writer in America, James Russell, pays tribute to American workmanship, that it surpasses work, and of the American workman he says:

The American workman displays energy, ingenuity, rapidity, in a surprising degree, but he lags entirely the work and money required by the English workman. But he pays down to the master-workmen of domestic industry is untrustworthy. Not only are the railroads made with their rusty hedges and unbold roads, but there is not a lock that catches, nor a hinge that turns; knives will not cut, and matches will not light."

These words called to our mind a passage in a lecture delivered here by Emerson, some years ago, and which has since been embodied in his "English Traits." He says of the English, "they did not all come to us in the winter, every article of domestic industry is untrustworthy. Not only are the railroads made with their rusty hedges and unbold roads, but there is not a lock that catches, nor a hinge that turns; knives will not cut, and matches will not light."

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This difference exists in the character of the two people—the one, intent on progress, rushing along, here making a great hit, and there shooting wide of the mark; but still pushing on, without a moment's pause to reflect that what is imperfectly begun, or patience to wait for events to take their natural course. The other is slow, heavy it may be, but patient, careful and methodical. As Emerson expresses it, "every man is destined to some one art or detail, and aims at perfection in that; not content unless he thinks he has something in which he is confident he surpasses all men. He would rather do anything at all, than not do it well. I suppose no people have such thoroughness—from the highest to the lowest, every man meaning to be master of his art."

It is this want of thoroughness that strikes every Englishman who visits this country. He has been accustomed to a style of building designed to last several generations, and he sees in New York whole blocks put up on land leased for fifteen years, and which, at the expiration of that time, will be condemned and razed, to give place to a new block of the prevailing style. It is the same with almost everything else, and the true cause of this want of thoroughness is the indifferent way in which our mechanics leave their trades. As a general thing there is no system in the workshop, and no exacting rules that require obedience and attention on the part of the apprentice, and a course of instruction from the master; indeed, there is now hardly such a thing known as apprenticeship. In other times a lad was placed with some master-workman, to work out a term of years, generally seven, and his indentures were drawn up and duly signed. For that period he was to be entirely under the control of his master, who bound himself to teach him all that he himself knew in regard to his calling. The boy was to be maintained at his cost until he arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and to secure a proper return, it became necessary to make him useful. The easiest way to do this was to have him sit at the branches of the trade as rapidly as was consistent with thoroughness, and as he advanced in years, he earned enough for his keep, and remaining more, which paid his master for the time spent in instructing him. And when, at the age of twenty-one, he stepped forth to commence work for himself, he was in every sense a finished workman.

But how is it now? Do we ever hear of such a thing as an apprenticeship-indenture? We will venture to say there is hardly such a thing in force in this city, and it is pretty much the same all over the country. Nor is it difficult to find a reason for this. Both the master-workmen and the parents who have no care to take the necessary trouble to teach the lad only so far as the service of the latter can be made immediately remunerative, and the parents, equally desirous to turn the boy's labor to account, require it as a course that will soonest bring him in money, while at the same time he might plainly see, if he would look into the market, that the boy who earns a dollar a day before he is sixteen, will probably never acquire the education and skill that will insure a better position and higher wages. His employer (we cannot call him master, for the lad is never bound to him) sees in what way he can be most serviceable, and to that one branch of his business he confines his attention; in time the boy wears more wages, which he cannot earn, and as he grows, perhaps relieved of by some one who is short of hands, and who will be sure to keep him to that which he best understands; and thus he goes from shop to shop, learning but little, and, for we can think it is, inconstant upon him to instruct him; and when at last he comes to his majority, he is called a journeyman. But he is a workman! and he becomes aware of that thoroughness which characterizes the English workmen, or one of our own before the present system of lighting everything was introduced. We are not, and we can see no prospect of ever seeing that police restrain us from going back a step or two, a measure more reverting to all our American goaded notions. And the consequence will be that if we ride up a class of workmen imperfectly instructed, we shall have our work imperfectly performed, and anything but durable in its character.

We once heard a carpenter, a man well advanced in years, say, "If an apprentice, when he was a boy, used a piece of sapping board in a building, his master would take it out and break it over his head"—a rather summary way of reprimanding a boy, but one calculated to be effectual. Who says go-days to see if he had it free from sap? and this want of thoroughness, which always seems the infatuation of foreigners, is conspicuous in every department of industry. It grows out of our propensity to "go-ahead," and a disposition on the part of so many to do away with the opposition of some adopted and purchased by our forefathers, who brought it with them from England, where it is still highly valued.

The crowded state of our columns prevented our remarking last week, as we had intended, to do, on the injury frequently done to commercial travelling over public streets, by setting buildings to fire, and the New has already called attention to this proposition, and we wish to add our weight in a positive opinion, and strongly disapprove for private rights and the public good. The public is greatly benefited by commercial cars plied along our thoroughfares, but the indifference to place is a source of danger to all. We have seen, and we are of opinion of ever seeing that police restrain us from going back a step or two, a measure more reverting to all our American goaded notions. And the consequence will be that if we ride up a class of workmen imperfectly instructed, we shall have our work imperfectly performed, and anything but durable in its character.

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The Corporations of the Bay State and Middlesex Mills have held a meeting in Boston, to look into the affairs of the respective companies. The result does not appear to have been very satisfactory, and the losses sustained have not been fully accounted for. The late Treasurer, it has been recently indicated, has used the funds of the companies for the purpose of speculation, and committees were appointed to institute a rigid examination of the books and past business transactions of their agents, to ascertain the actual amount of their loss, and where the blame should fall. Mr. Oliver H. Pease, a native of this place, is the son of Lawrance Pease & Co., the agents of these mills, and the Boston Transcript says it is due to him to state that in his position as manufacturing partner, he was not aware of the financial condition of the house, and we may add that Mr. S. S. Lawrence has exonerated him from all knowledge of the mismanagement which the present financial troubles have brought to light.

A couple of rogues have been detected in Philadelphia in making and selling snuff, the chief material of which was dead horses, bought of the horse butchers at a cent a pound, suitable for eat's and dog's meat, but, in reality, for the purpose above-named. All these horses died of disease, and those who were in the habit of partaking of this disgusting fare, because their goods were a little under the market price, must have had the most passing reflections on learning the result of the investigation instituted by the police. Dogs is good condition worked into snuff meat, are not so bad, but have had bought of the horse butchers at a cent a pound, running the tilings a little too hot into the ground.

The Party continues to make her regular trips to and from Providence, under the command of Mr. Shattuck, and it is such a convenience to have her running in the river, we hope that the navigation may not soon be closed by ice.

When she stops her trips we feel that we are in a great measure out of the world and the news of the day—at least that portion of it to the northward and eastward of us, to say nothing of the inconvenience experienced in travelling in that direction by land routes.

It is said that the first few days of December indicate the character of the winter; if so, the present winter promises to be very mild and open, and this has been foretold by many who profess to be weathermen. It would be a great thing—a great blessing—if we had a winter, for the number of trees that are poorly prepared to meet severe weather, are unusually large, and until spring opens there will be no work out for the masses.

Since our last we have had a continuation of mild weather. Monday and Tuesday were delightful, and on Wednesday we had an early rain storm. The season is certainly very open, to the comfort of the poor and the benefit of the physicians, who had more calls for their professional skill than when the weather at this season is clear and cold.

The climate will now have been decided by the Surrogate of New York. The decision contains the fine south winds below 30°. It is a time of paralysis, and repeats the second and third, made after the winter. This will give the heat at a large size on the water, estimated at nearly two million dollars, and tend to more equal distribution.

The whole country in the vicinity of the Bay front is covered with greenhouses—numerous. They fill the air, and over the snows the earth, destroying every green thing, and rendering all the leaves of the agriculturalists starting.

In a report made before a Committee of the Brooklyn Common Council, it was stated that in one cow stable there were twelve hundred stalls, and each cow is confined to a space three feet in width by six feet in length. The cows are stabled in the stable when they are first purchased, and are kept there until they die or are sold to the butcher. They are fed three or four times a day, with boiling milk, which remains standing, and is given to them to drink. To the givers, they are the whole, times in a paper bag, breaking the fat off, then hanging out while they part for breakfast. In the winter every morning is stopped to prevent the cold from entering, (from never entering these stable in the coldest weather). The cows are stabled and stimulated up to the highest milk production.

The infants who drink the milk from these diseased cows are the greatest sufferers, and it is stated that the mortality among them is fearfully on the increase. Before the disease among the cows, known as the "swill disease," brought on or developed by the diet of the cows, the number of deaths among the children of that city was about the whole; now it is nearly five-eighths of the whole. This is nearly thirteen per cent greater than the rate in London. But the Londoners have to suffer severely for want of proper sanitary laws, if we may judge from the statements we frequently see in regard to the subject. Thomas M'Keehan, in a recent work apostrophizes that city:

"O multitudinous London! thou that communitest with all uncleanliness; thou that usurp'st the comforts and destroyest the constitution of the people who dwell within thy thick walls; thou that hidest thy beauty like smoke, and smother'st thy grandeur like a cloud; thou that art drunk of all abominations, and hast subjected the inhabitants to his house of life that smiteth thy children with scrofula, and shootest out the sharp arrows of death upon the dwellers in thy streets; thou that takes into thy briek and mortar arms—even to the stony bosom of thy heroes—the hunted sons of the stranger, and givest them their death with the canker of Sabathine gloom and eternal doom?"

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